

*The Pursuit
of God*

STUDY GUIDE
QUESTIONS

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- 5 Do I find joy in worshiping God, both privately and with fellow believers?
- 6 How often do I gather with other believers?
- a less than weekly
 - b weekly
 - c twice a week
 - d more than twice a week
- 7 How often do I read my Bible?
- a never
 - b seldom
 - c once or twice a week
 - d three to five times a week
 - e daily or more often
- 8 How often do I converse with God in prayer?
- a seldom
 - b once or twice a week
 - c three to five times a week
 - d daily
 - e frequently throughout the day

9. When I pray is it a meaningful time of communion, or do I quickly run through a list of requests?
10. When a problem occurs in my life, what is my first response to it?
- a pray or ask "what is God trying to teach me?"
 - b immediately turn the matter over to God
 - c think "what am I going to do?"
 - d react emotionally
 - e do nothing
11. If I answered c, d or e to question 10, how soon do I get around to a or b?
- a very quickly
 - b somewhat soon
 - c not very soon
 - d never

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SESSION 2
Chapter 1: Following Hard after God

- 1 What does the law of prevenient grace say in practical terms about our seeking God?
- 2 What is the essence of genuine religion?
(John 17:3)
- 3 Why can't this intimate relationship with God come through our involvement with a body of believers?
- 4 In what way is the Christian life a paradox?
- 5 What is deadly to spiritual growth? Why?

- 6 In what ways does Tozer feel that we need simplicity in our spiritual life?

- 7 God is speaking to me through this chapter. The one thing I am going to do to develop a closer relationship with Him is:

The steps I am going to take to do this are:

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Chapter 2: The Blessedness of Possessing Nothing

- 1 Tozer had a unique meaning for “poor in spirit.” In your own words explain what he feels it means.

- 2 Read Genesis 22:1–18. While we often look at this passage as Abraham’s test of faith, Tozer uses it to stress his point about placing God first in one’s life. How does this incident support that point?

- 3 Why is clinging to things one of the most harmful habits in life?

- 4 What are some things that are hard for people to give up?

- 5 What things are hard for me to give up?

- 6 Read Matthew 19:16–30. What lessons from this passage relate to the theme of the chapter?

- 7 For further study look at the following passages of Scripture and summarize how each relates to our theme.

Mark 8:34–38:

Luke 12:15–34:

Luke 9:57–62:

Luke 14:26–35:

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Chapter 3: Removing the Veil

1. For what was mankind chiefly created?
2. In what areas does your life glorify God? In what areas does your life fail to glorify God?
3. What veil has now been removed? What does its removal mean for me as a Christian?
4. According to Tozer, what hinders Christians from entering into the presence of God? In what ways might this hindrance be present in your own life?

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Chapter 4: Apprehending God

- 1 “To most people God is an inference, not a reality.” Is He a reality to you? If so, explain why and how He is real to you. If not, what could He do to make Himself a reality to you?

- 2 In what ways can we apprehend God in the same way we can apprehend this world?

- 3 Why can't unregenerate people apprehend God?
(1 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 1:20–21)

- 4 What is the key for believers to know and have a habitual, conscious communion with God? In other words, what enables our spiritual senses to function? (Hebrews 11:6)

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- 5 What is the difference between imagination and faith?

- 6 Why do we habitually think of the visible world as real and doubt the reality of the other?

- 7 What do we have to be if we truly seek to follow Christ?

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Chapter 6: The Speaking Voice

- 1 What do Psalm 33:6, 9; Hebrews 11:3 and Genesis 1:9 indicate about the power of God's Word?
- 2 What is the relation of God's spoken Word to His written Word—the Bible?
- 3 How is God's voice apparent to even the unsaved? (John 1:9–10; Romans 1:20; 2:15)
- 4 In what ways is God's voice apparent to those who are His children?

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Chapter 7: The Gaze of the Soul

- 1 Read Hebrews 11:6. In light of this verse and what Tozer says, what do we have if we possess faith?
- 2 According to Hebrews 11:1, what is faith? Explain it in your own words.
- 3 What does Tozer mean when he says that faith is defined functionally, not philosophically?
- 4 How do we obtain faith? (Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:17)

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- 5 Explain the similarities and differences between the faith of a believer today and that of an Old Testament Israelite.

- 6 In what ways is faith a virtue that does not regard the self?

- 7 How does the development of individual faith help the unity of the body of Christ?

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Chapter 9: Meekness and Rest

- 1 According to Tozer, what springs directly from our sins?
- 2 In Matthew 11:28–30 burden and rest are contrasted. What does each mean in these verses?
- 3 In what ways does Tozer indicate that one of the causes of our burden is pride?
- 4 What are the characteristics of a meek person?

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Chapter 10: The Sacrament of Living

- 1 What, according to Tozer, is one of the greatest hindrances to a Christian's internal peace? Why is it such a hindrance?
- 2 In what way is Christ our model in overcoming this problem?
- 3 How can we put into practice the command of 1 Corinthians 10:31?
- 4 How do we practice living to the glory of God?

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- 5 What, according to Tozer, was the purpose of the holy days and rituals of the Old Testament? And why does Tozer feel no great emphasis should be placed on such things today?

- 6 How does a person make every part of his life a holy, uncommon act?

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